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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MOBIL INTEREST IN TURKISH OFFSHORE RIGHTS

1. STAUBLE, MOBIL EXPLORATION COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE
ANKARA, TOLD E/COM COUNSELOR HIS COMPANY PURELY ON ECONOMIC
GROUNDS IS AGAIN INTERESTED IN OFFSHORE PETROLEUM EXPLORATION
IN TURKEY AND HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH TPAO (TURKISH STATE
PETROLEUM COMPANY) REGARDING POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURES. MOBIL
HAS NO RPT NO WISH TO UNDERTAKE ACTIVITY IN DISPUTED AREA. TPAO
WAS GREATLY INTERESTED AND SUGGESTED MOBIL SEND A LETTER
CONFIRMING ITS INTEREST IN OFFSHORE EXPLORATION (FOR EMBASSY'S
INFORMATION ONLY, STAUBLE SAID MOBIL IS INTERESTED ONLY IN
BLACK SEA AREA, BUT IT DOES NOT WISH AT THIS STAGE TO ADVERTISE
AREAS IN WHICH IT IS INTERESTED). STAUBLE FELT ON OTHER HAND,
HOWEVER, LETTER INDICATING MOBIL INTEREST IN GOING AHEAD IN
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OFFSHORE AREA COULD POSSIBLY BE MISUSED IN PRESENT

CONTROVERSY BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY OVER OFFSHORE RIGHTS.
HE ALSO ASKED WHETHER U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD INSTRUCTED
GEOPHYSICAL SERVICES (GSI) AND OTHER U.S. COMPANIES NOT TO
BECOME INVOLVED IN OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES IN AEGEAN AREA.

2. E/COM COUNSELOR AGREED WITH STAUBLE THAT LETTER INDICATING
MOBIL INTEREST IN OFFSHORE EXPLORATION WITHOUT SPECIFYING AT LEAST
GENERAL AREAS OF INTEREST MIGHT RUN RISK OF BEING USED FOR
POLITICAL PRRPOSES IN CURRENT DISPUTE. HE SUGGESTED MOBIL CONSIDER
CAREFULLY THE WORDING IF IT DECIDES TO SEND SUCH LETTER. STAUBLE
AGREED. E/COM COUNSELOR REVIEWED WITH STAUBLE, U.S.G.
POSITION REGARDING ACTIVITIES OF U.S. COMPANIES IN DISPUTED AREA
ALONG LINES SET FORTH IN STATE 129287. HE EMPHASIZED THAT U.S.G.
IS NOT TAKING POSITION ON SUBSTANCE OF DISPUTE AND IS INFORMING
COMPANIES REGARDING EXISTENCE OF DISPUTE BUT NOT TELLING COMPANIES
WHAT TO DO.
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